

# Div Com Jammu inaugurates Langar Seva for Amarnath, Budda Amarnath pilgrims

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Langar Seva of Baba Amarnath & Budda Amarnath Yatri Niyas was inaugurated on Thursday by Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu by lighting the ceremonial lamp amidst chanting of Vedic Mantras.



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar performing Puja before inaugurating Langar for pilgrims at Geeta Bhawan.

He served food/Prasad to Sadhu and other devotees who have come to perform Shri Amarnath Yatra at Geeta Bhawan, Parade Ground.

Divisional Commissioner accompanied by Pawan Kumar Kohli President and Sudershan Khajuria General Secretary Niyas had the round of the halls where Sadhus and other Yatriss are accommodated and also inspected the Registration and Health counters set up in Geeta Bhawan.

Divisional Commissioner appreciated the efforts of Niyas for providing logistics and food to the devotees coming to perform both Shri Amarnath and Shri Budda Amarnath Yatras.

He said that all religious, social, trade organisations and Sabha-Biradaris remain in supportive role with administration to make these Yatras successfully conducted.

Parshotam Dadhichi President Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Deepak Gupta

President Traders Federation Ware House, Ram Pal Seth President Shri Bawa Kailash Devsthan, Deepak Aggarwal, Anil Suri, Suresh Chander Gupta and Dev Raj Sharma, all trustees of the Niyas remained present on the occasion.

Others present in the function were Shakti Dutt Sharma, Deepak Dhawan, Anoop Aggarwal all vice Presidents, Bal Krishan Gupta Treasurer, Suresh Sharma, Sat Pal Sharma, Deepak Sharma, Vipin Mittel, Rajesh Bhasin all Secretaries of Niyas and Prabhath Singh Jamwal General Secretary and Pawan Baru Secretary of S.D.Sabha.



# Mahajan Sabha starts Langar for Amarnath pilgrims

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha (JCMS) on Thursday started Langar for devotees of Amarnath pilgrimage which will be continue till the collimation of Yatra in the month of August 2023.



JCMS members serving Langar among Amarnath pilgrims.

Under the chairmanship of Ramesh Gupta, President of the Sabha along with Shiv Partap Gupta Sr. Vice President inaugurated the Langar which appeared very impressive as sadhus & other yatries raised loudly slogans 'Bum Bum Bhole' which marked the luster of the occasion.

The Langar was organized under the overall supervision of Sanjay Mahajan, General Secretary of the Sabha.

C.P Gupta & Mukesh Mahajan have been looking after press related matters and protocol arrangements in the campus. Balbir Gupta and Yash Pal Gupta are the Incharge of Langar.

Ramesh Chander Gupta (President of the Sabha) said as the government authorities has again provided an opportunity to the Sabha for the registration of Shri Amaranth

Yatries for 2023.

Ramesh Chander Gupta, said this, adding that it is a very pious service, and the Sabha hopes that those who are interested can donate under proper receipts to Sabha office at Mahajan Bhawan, Shalamar Road Jammu. He said that it is not one man show but result of the collective efforts. Even single penny donated for the noble cause will be fully utilized for Langer Sewa, he said.

Ramesh Chander Gupta shared that Sabha has planned in such a way that it will be inaugurated by the prominent personalities of Jammu on every day and by the donors also when one has opted the date or day.

One can also donate drinking water bottles of small quantity as the consumption of drinking bottles is highly required in these days of summers.

Others present on the occasion included Harinder Gupta, Rajesh Choudhary, Dr Mohan Lal, Subash Gupta, Atul Gupta, Prabhu Dayal Gupta, Surinder Gupta, Kulbushan Gupta (Manu), Ashok Gupta, Ramesh Gupta (Bartan wale), Rakesh Gupta, Arun Gupta, Shanti Parkash Gupta, Rajneesh Gupta, Dr. Bimal Gupta Krishan Lal Gupta (Pradhan Lakhda Bazar), Satish Gupta, Darshan Gupta, Parshotam Gupta, Suresh Gupta, Engineer R.C Gupta and others.

# Good environment indispensable for healthy life: Rana

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BHALWAL: Emphasising the crucial importance of maintaining the ecosystem for the overall good of humanity, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Thursday recalled the relationship between human beings and ecology since the Vedic times, saying that a good environment is indispensable for a healthy life.



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana speaking at religious programme.

"Abuse of the ecosystem like extinction of plants and damage to biodiversity can prove disastrous for very existence of human race", Rana said while addressing Shri Gou Gopal Paryavaran Sammelan at Seri Paanditan in Bhalwal here this afternoon in the august presence of His Holiness Gangadhar Ji Shastri.

He lauded the mass campaign launched by Shastriji and underscored the need for reaching out to the people in a big way for generating awareness about maintaining ecological balance. The need for such an initiative is all the more imperative because of the depleting green gold and growing population. He said the relentless efforts of His Holiness Shri Gangadhar Ji Shastri in spreading environmental awareness through religious awakening discourses is bound to have a lasting impact on the people and motivating them to be part of this noble mission for the greater good of humanity.

The youth in particular should be engaged in such discourses to make them understand the crucial importance of a healthy and fit body for having a calm mind. Taking care of health is imperative before it is too late and to make it achievable, the awakening campaigns are of immense importance, he added.

"Shastri has made a niche for himself in the wake of his selfless services to mankind and people of Jammu are blessed to have him here for carrying forward his noble mission", Mr Rana said while complimenting him for organising eco-friendly and educative Sammelans. These will certainly help in generating mass awareness about the evils encountered by the society, especially on account of depleting forest resources and the other sources of environment degradation.

In his enlightening discourse at the Sammelan, Shri Gangadhar Ji Shastri said congregational recitation of Vedic hymns energises the atmosphere, which leads to protection of the environment and bringing positive change in the minds of people. He stressed the need for taking good care of the earth and environment, which stand guarantee for a healthy human race.

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# Balvinder demands CBI Probe into allotment of IT Based Parking Slots

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Prominent RTI Activist Balvinder Singh during his press conference held on 10th March, 2023 after obtaining the information under RTI, had exposed a big scam with regard to the allotment of 32 IT based parking slots in Jammu City under Jammu Smart City Project costing Rs 9 Crore, to Baba Infra Tech with deep rooted conspiracy to deceive State Exchequer. He added that a well designed Contract Agreement was signed between Contractor and Officer of JMC for the revenue sharing whereby it was agreed upon that the contractor shall get 96 percent and JMC only 4 percent during first year, 94 percent contractor and 6 percent JMC in the second year, 90 percent to Contractor NS 10 percent to JMC and so on. It is pertinent to mention, he said that prior to the aforesaid contract JMC was getting 11 lakh for one slot whereas now after allotting 10 slots JMC got only 108700 in eleven months thus causing huge loss to the exchequer. Balvinder stated that though the JMC acted swiftly on his exposure and terminated the Contract within next two days, but no action was initiated, till date, against the erring officials responsible for this loss by drafting such contracts. He appealed to the LG Manoj Sinha to hand over this case to the CBI taking into consideration its seriousness and corrupt practices adopted in the allotment of various contracts by Jammu Smart City Projects Limited.



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Several PRI representatives including members of District Development Councils (DDCs), BDC chairperson and public delegations called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Thursday.

Subash Chander, Member DDC Narsoo, Udhampur and Bimla Devi, Chairperson BDC Mongri met the Lt Governor and discussed several issues of public importance.

Surekha Devi, DDC Member Arnia put forth the demand on behalf of the people of her constituency which included an ITI college in Arnia, construction of bridge



YAKS delegation led by Pt. RK Bhat, President calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Chak Majra to Karyal, sports stadium, among other issues.

A delegation led by Shelpa Dubey, DDC Member Vijaypur in their meeting with the Lt Governor held discussion on employment opportunities in AIIMS Vijaypur for local youth and various other issues.

Later, a delegation led by Neema Sharma BDC Chairperson, Seri Rajouri also discussed with the Lt Governor public importance issues.

A delegation of Disabled Care Foundation led by Umesh Sharma also called on Lt Governor and discussed issues which included enhancement of monthly pension for disabled, creation of separate directorate of disability affairs, implementation of Acts, opening of model schools.

The delegation of Dream City Welfare Association Muthi led by its president Satish Bhat in their meeting with the Lt Governor discussed the development of a park at Dream City Muthi.

The Lt Governor assured the delegations that the issues projected to him will be taken up with the concerned departments of the UT administration for early redressal on merit.

Meanwhile, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Wani also called on

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Dr Mushtaq Ahmed Wani, who is a renowned author, presented a copy of his autobiography "Kharistan Ka Musafir" to the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor appreciated the voluminous literary work done by Dr Wani and his immense contribution to Urdu literature.

Earlier, students of University Institute of Engineering & Technology, University of Jammu,

Kathua campus led by Anant Mishra called on the Lt Governor and discussed issues pertaining to Infrastructure development and other issues at the campus.

Later, a delegation led by Pt. RK Bhat, President Youth All India Kashmiri Samaj called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The members of the delegation discussed with the Lt Governor various welfare and other issues related to the community.

The Lt Governor assured the members of delegation of appropriate redressal of the issues and demands put forth by them based on merit.

Earlier, Haripal Singh Jasrotia, senior BJP leader also called on Lt Governor and discussed the issues of public importance.

# Dogri Sanstha Jammu, BSS Jammu organise 'Shastriya Sangeet te Nritya di Surmei Sanj'



Artists posing with Dogri Sanstha Jammu & BSS Jammu members.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu & Bhartiya Sangeet Sansthan Jammu organized 'Shastriya Sangeet te Nritya di Surmei Sanj' at Kunwar Viyogi Auditorium, Dogri Bhawan Karan Nagar Jammu in which prominent artists like Ridhima Bajpayee, Dr. Hari Prasad Poudyal, Dr. Priyavanda Tiwari Poudyal and Anand Bhardwaj enthralled the audience with their splendid performances and made the evening a memorable one.

The programme started with Ridhima Bajpayee presenting two 'Bandish' of Raag Jogkouns followed by Gyaneshwar and composed by V.K Sambyal.

Thereafter Dr. Hari Prasad Poudyal

presented classical performance of flute through two Bandish of Punjabi Adha Taal and Drut Teen Taal in Raag Desh.

Anand Bhardwaj presented a Dhun in Raag Kirwani on sitar whereas Dr. Priyavanda Tiwari Poudyal spellbound the audience with four performances of Bharatnatyam through Ganesh Pushpanjali, Shiv Panchakshar, Ram Thumak Chalat Ramchandra and Tillana.

Vijay Kumar Sambyal well known as Rangele Thakur and an eminent classical singer who is also Managing Trustee, Bhartiya Sangeet Sanstha Jammu while complementing the performers said that it was in fact a dream cum true. He said that in the past also prominent performers visited the temple city and amused the

music and dance lovers with their stunning performances. He hoped that the trend of past will show its existence in present also with good future prospectus. The performances in Indian Classical Music & Dance by the reputed artists will inspire the youths to realize their existence through own cultural heritage which needs to be preserved and promoted.

Prof. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha Jammu while speaking on the occasion said that such programs help in getting attached to our roots. Indian Classical Music and Dance are our identity which should be preserved and promoted. At this time, when western influences are quite evident in music and dance, we need to realize that we have some responsibilities towards our roots also. He further added that there is no malice with other cultural traditions but when it comes to survival of our own, then undoubtedly we are bound to be accountable. He was confident that such positive steps will yield promising results and Sanstha will always be at forefront when such initiatives will be taken.

Raj Kumar 'Behrupia', a well-known theatre activist and himself a classical singer conducted the proceedings of the program. Light and Sound was supervised by Pawan Verma, a well-known theatre activist and Dogri poet. The programme was watched by galaxy of litterateurs, artists and music lovers.

# Bhalla greets people on Eid-ul-Adha, prays for peace, prosperity in UT

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla on Thursday extended warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha, and prayed for peace, progress and prosperity in the union territory. In this regard Bhalla visited various Eidgahs including Malik Market in Narwal, Macea Masjid in Bathindi and Digiana. In his message, Bhalla said, "As the Muslim Ummah unites to observe Eid-ul-Adha, I take this opportunity to extend my warm greetings to everyone on the blessed and auspicious occasion.

"On this day, it is imperative for all of us to prioritize the poor and deserving by doing everything possible to bring smiles on their faces. The core philosophy of the day evokes deep concern for the needy and offers us a window of opportunity to alleviate the plight of the poor and destitute and imbue our-



JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla extending Eid greetings to the Muslim community members.

selves with the spirit of compassion, generosity, empathy and care. May the day provide relief to the beleaguered people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh and rid them of all the tribulations and problems they are facing," he said.

Bhalla further said that auspicious day of Eid Al Azha stresses on the need for equality of mankind, God-consciousness, generosity, almsgiving and peaceful coexistence of the entire humankind. I hope and pray that the day

strengthens the cord of brotherhood between the different communities in J&K and Ladakh. I also hope that the day acts as a harbinger of healthier times and much-needed peace and stability to the entire region."

Bhalla reminded people of the "real essence of Eid" and said, "The day demanded to remember the poor and needy and share the happiness with them." Seeking divine intervention in fostering peace and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir, Bhalla reminded

the people to remember the orphans and destitute who crave for attention and support on such holy occasions and celebrations. He also requested the people to pray for J&K's peace and prosperity on this revered occasion.

Bhalla said the government must ensure adequate facilities for the public, especially the availability of electricity, and rations. He also urged that the salaries of employees and financial assistance of old-aged, widows and others be released on a priority basis. Bhalla said "Eid embeds the message of remembering economically downtrodden and underprivileged people." He appealed to the people to make them the part of Eid celebration by extending financial and other support to them. He also urged the people to avoid wastage of food and resources and be conscious towards their neighbours, orphans and the needy.